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## Dear Local Health Officers:

With the 2013 summer season fast approaching, the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) is reaching out to all local health departments who may have had swimming pools or natural bathing water beaches under their jurisdiction that were affected by last year's Hurricane Sandy. Hopefully all or most of your facilities were spared from any hardships but the sad reality is many may not have been.

The NJDOH is interested in obtaining information from all swimming facilities with the specifics of how they were impacted by Hurricane Sandy. Some of the areas of interest are (but not limited to):

- physical property damage that required or still requires repairs;
- physical property damage that may not be repaired in time before the season starts;
- physical property damage that will cause the temporary closure of the facility for part of this season or permanently;
- a reduced or increased capacity is expected (and can the facility handle an increased capacity).

It would be greatly appreciated if you responded to this letter as quickly as possible. It is preferred that you email your response to loel.muetter@doh.state.nj.us. Please include the name and location address for each affected facility with your response along with the type of bathing facility (pool, spa, aquatic recreation facility or natural bathing beach). If you wish to mail please send it to the address above attention Loel Muetter, Public Health Sanitation and Safety Program.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Dear Youth Camp Owner/Operators:

With the 2013 summer youth camp season fast approaching, the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) is reaching out to all youth camp owner/operators who may have been affected by last year's Hurricane Sandy. Hopefully your facility was spared from any hardships but the sad reality is many may not have been.

In a heartfelt effort, the NJDOH is interested in obtaining information from all licensed youth camps with the specifics of how they were impacted by Hurricane Sandy. Some of the areas of interest are (but not limited to):

- physical property damage that required or still requires repairs;
- physical property damage that may not be repaired in time before the season starts:
- physical property damage that will cause the temporary closure of the camp for part of this season or permanently;
- a reduced or increased camper capacity is expected (and can you handle an increased camper capacity);
- you plan to operate but will have a reduction in significant activities which could affect the number of campers registering;
- your aquatic activities have been affected (this could mean swimming, boating and/or fishing).

It would be greatly appreciated if you responded to this letter by April 5, 2013. If you would prefer, email your response to loel.muetter@doh.state.nj.us. Please include the camp name and permanent ID number and location address with your response along with an email address. If you wish to mail please send it to the address above attention Loel Muetter, Public Health Sanitation and Safety Program.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely

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